

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ENBRIDGE GAS UTAH TO EXTEND
GAS SERVICE TO FAIRFIELD, UTAH

Docket No. 25-057-20

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HOLLIE MCKINNEY
FOR ENBRIDGE GAS UTAH

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EGU Exhibit 4.0

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. Hollie McKinney, 103 East Main St, Fairfield, Utah 84013.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I serve as the Mayor of Fairfield, Utah. Because Fairfield is a small community, in my role as Mayor, I am responsible for the general oversight of all town operations, future planning, and public relations. The management and economic strength of Fairfield through proper planning is a role I take very seriously. The proposed project to bring natural gas to my community is a project that will ultimately change the future for the town. I have been one of the key contacts from Fairfield in working with Enbridge Gas Utah (“Enbridge Gas,” “EGU,” or “Company”) on this project.

Q. Is attached EGU Exhibit 4.01 a true and correct copy of the Franchise Agreement?

A. Yes.

Q. What general areas does your testimony address?

A. I focus on the benefits of bringing natural gas to Fairfield.

II. BENEFITS OF NATURAL GAS IN FAIRFIELD

A. *Growth in Fairfield*

Q. Is the area of Fairfield growing?

A. Yes. Fairfield is currently growing at about a 3% residential growth rate with a few residential construction projects happening over the past few years. One of the biggest developers in Eagle Mountain has expressed interest in building new homes in the area and has purchased over 1,300 acres for residential development. We anticipate that the addition of natural gas will encourage even more residential growth.

Q. Is the Community forecasting growth in the coming years?

A. Yes. Fairfield is located west of Utah Lake on the western side of Utah County. Utah County is expanding to the west and south of Utah lake and Fairfield anticipates that this growth will begin impacting the community. The town is forecasting a steady rate of residential growth over the coming years and we expect that the prospect of Enbridge Gas expanding natural gas service to Fairfield will only increase this growth. As previously mentioned, one of the biggest developers in Eagle Mountain has purchased 1,300 acres for residential development and those homes will want natural gas. I believe that Fairfield is just getting discovered. With current development in place and more on the horizon, now would be an optimal time to bring natural gas to Fairfield.

Q. Is there potential for industrial or commercial growth in the Communities?

A. Yes. Fairfield has land within the community that may be used for both commercial and light industrial development. Fairfield has many commercial customers such as greenhouses, an airport, an autobody shop and a stone cutting shop that would all be interested in natural gas service. There have been discussions with other commercial customers interested in building in Fairfield. The town anticipates both existing and prospective business owners will want access to natural gas to heat and operate their businesses.

Q. Do you believe having natural gas in the community will help commercial development?

A. Yes. In the past, Fairfield has seen interest in commercial expansion, but the lack of natural gas has hindered this expansion. For example, the airport and greenhouses in Fairfield have inquired about expanding operations in the community. However, due to the lack of natural gas access, they have not been able to proceed with any planned expansions.

I believe there will be greater interest in commercial development if natural gas service becomes available. Access to natural gas will better position Fairfield to compete for commercial development opportunities in the future.

B. Cost Savings

Q. Will customers save money on their energy bills by having access to natural gas?

A. Yes, absolutely. When Enbridge Gas held its open house, it mentioned that a typical Fairfield customer would pay about \$664 each year for natural gas. The primary source of home heating in Fairfield is either propane or electricity. Some of Fairfield's residents are considered low income and would benefit from a cheaper energy source. Although each customer is different, a typical customer in Fairfield will likely enjoy cost savings if Enbridge Gas extends service to Fairfield.

Q. Does the propane price fluctuate a lot during the year?

A. Yes. The cost of propane fluctuates dramatically, as it is subject to supply and demand forces. For example, during the summer, when demand is low, prices are low. But in winter, when demand is high, it is not unusual for prices to double or even triple. For customers that are on a fixed income, these price fluctuations can cause serious budget problems.

Q. What impacts do these price fluctuations have on residents?

A. Residents will often try to fill their tank during summer months when prices are low, and then make that propane last as long as possible before refilling at higher prices. This attempt to save on the cost of fuel often leads to residents keeping their homes colder than is ideal.

This strategy also requires customers to pay a large sum of money in the summer to completely fill their tank. There are those within the community that do not have the resources for these large payments. Therefore, these individuals are forced to pay the higher prices through the winter, also requiring the payment of delivery fees each time propane is delivered.

Based on my understanding of Enbridge Gas's pricing, its rates are much lower and more stable throughout the year. This will allow residents to keep their homes at comfortable temperatures and to make lower, more predictable monthly payments for their natural gas bill. When Fairfield residents responded to Enbridge Gas's survey,

one of the biggest reasons for supporting the expansion project was to ensure a consistent, predictable bill.

C. Convenience and Reliability

Q. Would natural gas be more convenient than existing energy sources in Fairfield?

A. Yes. There is a wide range of fuel types used in Fairfield. Some use propane, some burn wood, while others use electricity or a combination of sources to heat their homes. Each of these sources present convenience or cost issues. I personally use propane as a primary source of heat for my home, with a wood burning stove as a secondary source. With both heating sources, natural gas would provide a much-improved convenience. A propane customer needs to wait for a propane truck to deliver fuel. On a cold winter day, these individuals don't want to wait for the warmth that is always available with natural gas.

Fairfield also has some residents which rely on wood burning stoves for the primary source of heat. It is very difficult for these residents to manage these stoves to have basic heat. Natural gas access in Fairfield would alleviate stress for many residents.

D. Other Options for Natural Gas Service.

Q. Has Fairfield pursued natural gas service in the past?

A. Yes, Fairfield has previously tried to bring natural gas to the community but the cost has always been prohibitive.

Based on surveys from the community and the growth in population, I believe now would be the optimal time to bring natural gas to Fairfield. I also understand that the Utah Legislature passed a bill that would allow Enbridge Gas to seek approval to extend natural gas service to rural areas, if that extension is approved by the Utah Public Service Commission. Natural gas would be a great benefit to our community, but we can't shoulder the cost ourselves. Enbridge Gas's request in this docket is the best, and perhaps the only, way for Fairfield to receive natural gas service.

108 **Q. Do you support a Commission order approving Enbridge Gas’s request in this**
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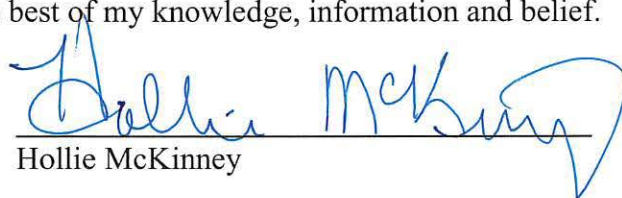
110 A. Yes. Fairfield cannot finance the extension of Enbridge Gas’s natural gas distribution
111 system. The extension of natural gas service to our community will provide immediate
112 benefits to its residents and will set the stage for possible future economic growth and
113 cleaner air in the area. I request that the Commission approve Enbridge Gas’s
114 Application to extend natural gas service to the town of Fairfield.

115 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

116 A. Yes.

State of Utah)
) ss.
County of Utah)

I, Hollie McKinney, being first duly sworn on oath, state that the answers in the foregoing written testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Hollie McKinney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this 2 day of September, 2025.




Notary Public